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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : J. Golec
Application No. : 09/863,649
Group Art Unit : 1646
Examiner : Not Yet Assigned
Filed : May 23, 2001
For : CASPASE INHIBITORS AND USES THEREOF

Cambridge, Massachusetts
December 13, 2002

Hon. Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
Attention: RO/US

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 76, line 27 and ending at page 77, line 7 and substitute therefor: